

## **STATE'S REQUESTED *VOIR DIRE***

These are suggested *voir dire* questions for the court to ask prospective jurors in a case of child sexual abuse or child molestation.

The State of Arizona, pursuant to Rule 18.5, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, requests the Court to ask potential jurors in this case the attached *voir dire* questions:

1. Have you, or a family member, or any close friends had any medical training?
2. Have you, or any member of your family, or any close friends ever had special training in psychology or counseling?
3. Have you, or any member of your family, or any close friends, ever been the victim of a crime?
4. Have you, or any member of your family, or any close friends, ever been arrested or charged with a crime (other than traffic citations)?
5. Have you ever been called as a witness to testify in court?
6. Please briefly explain what information you have heard or read, if any, relating to child sexual abuse.
7. Have you ever had a job involving children?
8. Have you, or any member of your family, or any close friends, ever been involved in providing regular care for children other than your/their own?
9. Do any of you believe a child is more believable or less believable than adults in general are?
10. Would that belief affect your ability to impartially judge a child molestation case?

11. Has anyone ever told you about having been sexually molested?
12. Has anyone ever told you about having been sexually touched in a manner they felt was wrong?
13. Has anyone ever told you about having been spoken to in a sexually improper manner they felt was wrong?
14. Has anyone ever lied to you or to anyone you know about having been sexually molested or touched?
15. When you were a child were you sexually touched or molested?
16. When you were a child were you talked to in a sexual manner you considered wrong at the time?
17. When you were a child were you talked to in a sexual manner you consider wrong now?
18. When you were a child were you present when someone else was sexually touched or molested?
19. Do you know anyone who was accused of sexually molesting, touching, annoying or raping a child or adult?
20. Have you seen any TV shows or read any articles about child abuse?
21. Do you have an image of the type of man who would sexually molest a young girl or boy?
22. Do you have any knowledge of this case, other than what you have heard here in court, from any other source, such as television, radio, newspaper or friends?
23. Do you know anyone who has had a sexual relationship as an adult with someone under the age of 18?

24. Have you, any member of your family, any acquaintance ever been involved in any way with an investigation by police or social service workers regarding allegations of child abuse?